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		OF LEUKOCYTES FROM BREAST MILK	)	
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the December 12, 2007, office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 7–26 are withdrawn. Claims 1–26 are pending.

The rejection of claims 1–6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 2,364,866 to Meynier, Jr., (“Meynier”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,229,012 to Pall et al. (“Pall”) and Michie et al., “Breast Feeding and the Risks of Viral Transmission,” *Arch. Dis. Child.* 84:381–2 (2001) (“Michie”), is respectfully traversed.

As noted in the July 23, 2007 Request for Reconsideration, claims 1–6 of the present invention relate to a nipple shield device for removing leukocytes from breast milk that includes a nipple shield and a filter. The nipple shield has a base and a protrusion that is shaped to conform to a mammalian female areola and nipple, where the protrusion has one or more holes permitting intake of breast milk by an infant. The filter is attached to the nipple shield at a location permitting removal of leukocytes from breast milk.